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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: MASS, EC

SUBJECT: ECUADOREAN EMBASSY INQUIRY ABOUT TOW

REF: STATE 207984 77

1. ECUADOREAN EMBASSY ATTACHE OFFICE SENT LETTER TO
DEPARTMENT (PM) APRIL 14 ASKING WHETHER USG WOULD BE
WILLING TO SELL TOW ANTI-TANK MISSILE SYSTEM. QUERY
APPEARS TO BE INFORMAL EFFORT ALONG SAME LINES AS AIM-9
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FEELER TO AVOID POSSIBLE EMBARRASSMENT OF OFFICIAL US
TURNDOWN IF REQUEST WERE FORMALLY SUBMITTED.

2. TO ASSIST US IN CONSIDERING REQUEST, WE WOULD LIKE TO
HAVE YOUR VIEWS, INCLUDING AS APPROPRIATE POINTS CALLED
FOR IN PARA 5.E. REFTEL. WE ALSO WELCOME ANY COMMENTS
INFO ADDRESSEES MAY WISH TO MAKE, BUT PLEASE DO NOT DIS-

CUSS MATTER WITH HOST GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS.

3. FYI: ALTHOUGH TOW HAS NOT BEEN SOLD TO ANY LATIN AMERICAN NATION, WE PROVIDED BRIEFINGS ON SYSTEM TO SEVERAL LARGER COUNTRIES IN REGION SEVERAL YEARS AGO. WE INTEND TO UNDERTAKE INTERAGENCY REVIEW ON QUESTION OF POSSIBLE TOW SALE TO ECUADOR. ANY APPROVAL OF ACTUAL SALE IN PRINCIPLE, HOWEVER, WOULD NOT RPT NOT CONSTITUTE DECISION ON ANY REQUEST TO EXTEND FMS FINANCING FOR PURCHASE, AS SUCH EXTENSION MAY REQUIRE PRESIDENTIAL DETERMINATION UNDER SECTION 4 OF AECA. END FYI.

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